



What should I already know?

- develop an understanding of the importance of duty and commitment to many religions
- know that following dharma (religious duty) is an important part of Hindu life
- suggest the impact of belief in dharma, particularly the belief that there are three 'debts' – duty owed to God/the deities, duty owed to teachers, and duty owed to family
- describe how and why Hindus might celebrate Raksha Bandhan
- identify aspects of the celebration which remind Hindus of their dharma
- identify religious teachings contained within a Hindu story – and suggest how these stories might be used to teach Hindu children about dharma (eg. What teachings about duty to family are expressed in the story of Rama and Sita?)
- identify sources of authority and inspiration
- consider what our 'duties' as human beings are
- reflect on their own duties – to themselves, to their families, to their communities
- discuss who or what they follow – and why

Year 4– Autumn Term 2 –Hinduism (Religious Education)

What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali?

Skills

- This unit gives pupils the opportunity to revisit the story of Rama and Sita and to explore the theme of good overcoming evil – just as light overcomes darkness.
- Pupils should deepen their understanding of Hindu beliefs about God by learning about Rama as an avatar of Vishnu. They should be able to connect this with the Diwali theme – Rama is a deity and therefore represents goodness. As an avatar of Vishnu, it is his role to uphold dharma and fight evil. This is exemplified in the story of Rama and Sita which is celebrated at Diwali.
- Pupils should know that Diwali is a popular Hindu festival and be able to explain the deeper meaning of festival celebrations such as the lighting of diva lamps, fireworks, decorating homes with rangoli patterns.
- They should reflect on the symbolism of light within all human cultures, and consider how light might be a universal symbol of goodness and hope.

Knowledge

- Explore teachings about good and evil in the story of Rama and Sita
- Describe what moral guidance Hindus might gain from the story of Rama and Sita
- Make links between the actions of Rama and the belief that he is an avatar of Vishnu, appearing on earth to destroy evil and uphold dharma.
- Use subject specific language to describe how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali
- Explain the importance of light in the Diwali celebrations, and how this is a symbol of good overcoming evil.
- discuss (with relevant examples) the importance of the belief that good overcomes evil
- suggest people, words or stories that might be inspiring when trying to overcome difficulties in life.
- reflect on their own concept of 'goodness'
- discuss what gives them hope during difficult times

Vocabulary

- Hindu
- Rama
- Sita
- Avatar
- Vishnu
- Diwali
- Rangoli
- Celebration
- Deity
- Dharma